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§ 1423.3 Definitions.

Active shipping order means an early shipping order or shipping order, as defined in this section, scheduled for a current cotton warehouse reporting week or for a prior reporting week, but not picked up.

Agreement means agreements covering storage and handling of any such commodity CCC may determine appropriate for storage.

Early shipping order means a list of bale tag numbers sent to a cotton warehouse operator without transfer of warehouse receipts.

KCCO means the FSA, Kansas City Commodity Office.

Shipping order means a list of bale tag numbers sent to a cotton warehouse operator accompanied by transfer of warehouse receipts.

Warehouse means a building, structure, or other protected enclosure, in good state of repair, and adequately equipped to receive, handle, store, preserve, and deliver the applicable commodity.

Warehouse operator means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity engaged in the business of storing or handling for hire, or both, the applicable commodity.

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§1423.4 General requirements.

- (a) Unless otherwise provided in this part, approved warehouse operators must maintain a current and valid license for the kind of storage operation for which the warehouse operator seeks approval if such a license is required by State or local laws or regulations and maintain accurate and complete inventory and operating records.
- (b) Approved warehouse operators may only use pre-numbered warehouse receipts, or pre-assigned ranges of numbers for electronic warehouse receipts as set forth in the agreement, and may only use pre-numbered scale tickets, if applicable, as CCC may approve.
- (c) In addition, the warehouse operator must:

(1) Be in compliance with state and local laws regarding fire safety;

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- (2) Furnish a copy of any written lease agreement to CCC with the application. All leases are subject to CCC approval; and
- (3) Have sufficient employees and management with technical qualifications and skills in the warehousing business regarding the commodities subject to the agreement.
- (d) Unless otherwise provided in this part, each approved warehouse shall:
- (1) Be maintained under the control of the warehouse operator:
- (2) Be maintained in a good state of repair; and
- (3) Maintain adequate equipment to receive, handle, store, preserve and deliver the applicable commodity.

§1423.5 Application requirements.

To apply for approval under this part, a warehouse operator shall submit to CCC the following:

- (a) An application as prescribed by CCC for the applicable commodity storage agreement;
- (b) Evidence of compliance with §1423.4;
- (c) Current financial information sufficient to meet the requirements of §1423.6:
- (d) For State licensed or non-licensed warehouse operators, a sample copy of the warehouse operator's warehouse receipts or electronic warehouse receipt record descriptor when applicable; and
- (e) Such other documents or information as CCC may require to make a determination that the warehouse operator can comply with the provisions of this part.

§ 1423.6 Financial information documentation requirements.

To be approved under this part, a warehouse operator shall submit a current financial statement at the time of application, and annually thereafter, as provided for in the applicable storage agreement.

§ 1423.7 Net worth alternatives.

Warehouse operators with net worth equal to or greater than the minimum net worth required, but less than the total net worth for the commodity involved in the particular agreement,

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